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PRICE LIST

—OF—

Sunset Hill Nurseries,

R. W. PIERCE,

Indian Springs, Lake Co., Florida.

NOTICE.

The large edition of last year's Catalogue not being exhausted, while the price list therein needs revision for the coming season, I have issued this price list for 1888-89, together with a description of varieties. To all new applicants for Catalogues, a copy of last year's will be sent with this price list. To those who had Catalogues last year, this price list only will be sent, unless one is especially requested, in which case one will be sent.

TO MY PATRONS.

I take pleasure in announcing that our stock is in splendid condition, and much larger than we have ever had to offer in one season, and we are offering at considerably reduced prices. We shall try to please our patrons in the future, as we have in the past.

Those wanting trees in large quantities will do well to correspond with me, as my stock is one of the largest in the State.

We have made for several years past the largest sales of any nursery in the State. We have larger orders this season from the same parties, which shows that they are satisfied with our stock and manner of handling trees, and manner of dealing.

Very Respectfully, R. W. PIERCE.



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## ORANGE.

**Jaffa.**—One of Gen. H. F. Sanford's importation from the eastern Mediterranean; quality, one of the very best; fine grower; substantially thornless; early and heavy bearer; foliage distinct; very desirable.

**Majorca.**—Imported by Gen. H. S. Sanford from the island of Majorca. Tree almost identical with the above, although a greater favorite with some.

**Maltese Oval.**—Imported; a fine orange; ripens late; one of the best; fruit oval shape; medium size; very prolific; tree thornless.

**Maltese Blood.**—A first-class orange in every respect. Good shipper; pulp colors in February and March; fruit good market size; tree thornless; vigorous; foliage peculiar.

**Du Roi.**—Imported by the Government. Fruit round; medium size; sometimes ribbed like a musk melon; quality good; very prolific; vigorous; nearly thornless; a very early bearer; often fruiting the next year after budding.

**The Long.**—From Rivers, England. Tree thornless; belongs to the Maltese family. Fruit medium size; rich acid, and when fully ripe, of very best quality; ripens late. Took the highest premium at Fair in Ghent, Belgium.

**Washington or Riverside Navel.**—Fruit very fine quality; much more prolific than the Australian variety. The peculiarity of this orange is, the protuberance on the blossom end, termed the navel, which it is supposed to resemble. Buds secured from the original tree in Riverside, Cal.

**Double Imperial Navel.**—A seedling from an orange from Brazil. Of very vigorous habit; quality as good as Riverside. Has brought the highest market price in Chicago for several years. Very prolific. Trees of this variety have borne as many as 10,000 in one year. Stock limited.

**Mediterranean.**—Imported; one of the best, and growing in favor very rapidly. Fruit medium size; skin thin and tough; pulp tender and very juicy; flavor sprightly; heavy and early bearers; buds often fruiting at one year old; very desirable.

**Ruby.**—A new orange of superior quality, found in my collection of imported varieties. In the absence of any other name, we have called it the Ruby, which it really is. Many competent judges

have pronounced it unequalled by any yet tested by them. Tree of strong, vigorous growth; nearly thornless; medium in size; from 175 to 200 to the box; nearly round; skin very thin and smooth; pulp, in March and April, was ruby red. The fruit was gathered at this time, but from all appearances would have remained on the tree months longer in good condition. I believe it destined to be one of the most popular oranges yet introduced. After cultivation for several years, this orange has proved to be everything we claimed for it when we first introduced it. Many are planting entire groves to this variety. Stock limited.

**Pierce's Blood.**—Recently imported. One of the handsomest oranges grown; fruit colors early; very good early in season, and improves in quality until March and April, can be shipped any time from November to April; fruit medium size; skin thin and leathery; pulp mottled, blood red, late in season; flavor superior; fine grower and nearly thornless; very desirable. Stock limited.

**Brazilian.**—A fine orange from Brazil. Stock limited.

**King.**—Imported from Cochin, China; tree differs from any other in manner of growth; very thorny. Stock limited. Everyone should have this variety in their collection.

**Hart's Tardif or Late.**—Medium size; skin thin and smooth; pulp juicy; grain fine, with a brisk and racy flavor; does not mature until late in the spring. This is the only late variety that has been thoroughly tested in the State, and is valued on that account.

**St. Michael's.**—Medium size; thin skin; quality good; early and prolific bearer; vigorous; nearly thornless.

**Mediterranean Sweet.**—Medium size; quality, one of the best; tree thornless and very prolific; fruits second year after budding; foliage peculiar; vigorous growth, making a round head. Some prejudice has arisen against them on account of its tendency to split more than other varieties. I have inquired into the matter to some extent, and my opinion is, that as the trees attain age they will overcome this tendency; should they do so, it would be one of our most popular oranges. Some large growers, even now, claim they can mature more fruit of this variety than any other. I have corresponded with T. A. Gary, of Los Angeles, Cal., through whom it was introduced into this country. He says it does not have a tendency to split with them more than other varieties.

**Early Oblong.**—One of the earliest grown; ripens in October; very good grower; fair quality; tree nearly thornless; fruit commands a good price on account of its earliness.

**Star.**—(Local name.) Fruit medium size and distinctly marked with stripes. Of the best quality; tree very rapid grower; foliage distinct. Undoubtedly imported. Tree very nearly thornless when six to seven years old. Very popular in Santa Clara county, where it was first introduced.



**Pierce's Champion Prolific.**—A Florida seedling, which I put on the market for the first time last season. One of the very best Florida oranges grown, so pronounced by every one who has tested it. Fruits young, often at two years after budding. Bears heavy and regular crops. Medium size; ripens early, and keeps well on the trees until late in the season; ships well; skin thin and leathery; fruit very tender; juice rich and spicy flavor; few seeds; tree rapid grower; few thorns on old wood.

**Paper Rind St. Michael.**—From California. One of the oranges that attracted so much attention at the New Orleans Exposition, Fruit very fine quality; thin skin; medium size; one of the best shippers; trees fruit young, and very prolific; good growers; nearly thornless. Stock limited.

**Sweet Seville.**—Medium size; ripens early. Should be shipped before coloring up.

**Beach's No. 5.**—A Florida seedling; of fine quality; tree thrifty and few thorns; ripens late.

**Homosassa.**—Size medium; quality best; early; good shipper; keeps and carries well; prolific, vigorous and thorny. Native seedling.

**Magnum Bonum.**—Size large; quality best; tree prolific, vigorous and thorny. Native seedling.

**Centennial.**—A seedling grown from seed of an orange bought at Centennial, in '76. Tree very vigorous; thorny; fruit of medium size; fine quality; has taken the prize as the best orange at our State Fair; ripens early, and holds good on the tree until late in the season.

**Old Vina.**—A late orange of very fine quality.

**Chinese Mandarin.**—Sometimes called Tangerine; fruit small; flattened; color deep yellow; skin thin and loosely adherent; flesh dark orange color; tree prolific.

**Dancy's Tangerine.**—Fruit a little larger than the China, which it resembles, except in its deep crimson color. Tree unlike other varieties; resembles the sweet orange in size and foliage, although it retains the aroma peculiar to its species; thorny.

**Japan Red Tangerine or Spice Orange.**—Of recent introduction. Everyone should have one or two trees. Fruits heavily; very ornamental; tree of vigorous habits; thornless.

**Satsuma.**—Fruit medium size; flattened; color, deep orange; smooth, thin skin, which is sweet, aromatic and easily detached from pulp; fine grained, tender and juicy; tree thornless and prolific; a slow grower.

**Orange Buds,** of choice varieties, at reasonable rates.

## LEMONS.

**Eureka.**—Recently introduced from California ; medium size ; sweet rind and strong acid ; tree substantially thornless ; strong grower ; early and prolific bearer. Has in California taken the highest premium in competition with many others.

**Villa Franca.**—Quality one of the best ; similar to Eureka ; vigorous and prolific ; nearly thornless. Imported.

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## LIMES.

**Tahti.**—A new variety ; large size ; thin skin ; seedless. Have found this the best of any I have yet tested.

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## KUMQUAT.

A small species of the citrus family, much grown in China. It is a shrub, sometimes six feet high. The fruit is oval, about the size of a large gooseberry. The rind is sweet and the juice acid ; it is delicious and refreshing. The Chinese make an excellent sweetmeat of it by preserving it in sugar.

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## GRAPE FRUIT.

Much larger than the orange ; will remain on trees late in the season ; a fine fruit, and becoming very popular.

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## SHADDOCK.

**Mammoth.**—Called by some Bread Fruit ; size, large ; pear shaped ; white flesh ; good. Everyone should have one.

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## ORNAMENTAL VARIETIES.

**Italian Sour.**—Tree thornless and of vigorous habit ; makes a fine round head ; fruits very young ; very prolific. When the fruit is ripe it makes a very fine appearance as an ornamental tree, the fruit remaining on very late in the season. It is esteemed by some for making a drink.

**Italian Willow Leaved.**—This variety very much resembles the above, except in foliage, which is willow leaved. Very ornamental.

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## GUAVAS.

**Common.**—One of our most valuable fruits for home use. Can be eaten in many ways ; makes the finest of jelly. The shrub is liable to be killed to the ground in severe winters, but readily starts up again. Two year old plants, twenty-five cents each.



**Catley's Japan Red.**—This is a very ornamental shrub, and would be valued as such, if it bore no fruit. We have grown it for the last six years without any protection. While other varieties have been killed to the ground by frost, these have not shed a leaf. It is a most delicious fruit; round, rather small, skin thin and glossy; color, red; pulp tender and juicy, with a pleasant blending of strawberry and peaches. Fruits very young and bears enormously; makes a much finer jelly than the common variety; ripens early in season when scarcely any other fruit is to be had. Can be cooked in all ways. Many are raising the fruit extensively for the purpose of making jelly for shipment, for which there is quite a growing demand. Well rooted, one year old plants, price \$1.50 per dozen; \$2.00 by mail.

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### Other Varieties of Fruits Adapted to the Climate of Florida.

**Peaches.**—Peen-to and Honey; are well adapted to South Florida, having been tested for several years. They are of a Chinese variety.

**Bidwell's Early.**—Said to be the earliest grown; of fine quality. Other varieties furnished if desired.

**Apricots.**—Very superior fruit. Promise well in Florida.

**Plums.**—Kelsey's Japan. A fruit attracting a great deal of attention; grows and fruits well in South Florida; fruit excellent quality, very large and showy.

**Prunus Simoni.**—Apricot Plum. This new plum, recently introduced from Northern China, is believed to be one of the finest fruits introduced for many years. Is an erect, compact, handsome grower, and it is believed will be very successfully grown in Florida. The stock is yet very limited in this country and in Europe.

#### PLUMS OF THE CHICASAW VARIETIES.

**Golden Beauty.**—A fine plum; very showy and very productive, said to be the greatest acquisition among plums since the introduction of the Wild Goose; ripens late. Is not affected by the curculio. Nearly all plums not affected by the curculio, seems to do well in Florida. A very rapid grower. No one should be without them.

**Pears.**—LECONTE. Little need be said of this pear, as it is well known throughout the South; quality good; rapid grower, and has so far been entirely free from blight; extremely prolific; ships well and has sold for very high prices in Boston and New York.

**Keiffer Pear.**—This pear originated from seed of Chinese sand pear; ripens about a month later than LeConte; is in season about two months; is very showy, and brings the highest prices; fruits very young and very prolific.



**The Jefferson Pear.**—This is another blight proof pear ; very distinct in habit and growth from other varieties under cultivation ; is as early as the earliest peach ; medium size ; color bright yellow, with a bright deep crimson cheek, making it very desirable for decorating baskets of fruit. It is said to be one of the best paying market pears for southern planting that can be produced. It is ripe and marketed before LeConte is ready to ship. It sells for from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per bushel ; not quite so fine as the above variety. On LeConte roots.

**Kaki.**—(Japan Persimmons) in variety ; on native stocks. 1½ to 4 feet, 35 cents each.

## GRAPES.

Experiments in grape culture in the past few years, have demonstrated that they are a success in this State. Those we offer in this list are of the leading tested varieties.

### NATIVE GRAPES.

Agawan, red.....	10 cts	Norton's Virginia.....	20 cts
Brighton, red.....	15 cts	Perkin's red.....	15 cts
Champion, early black....	10 cts	Salem, red.....	15 cts
Cynthiana, best wine grape	20 cts	Wilder, black.....	15 cts
Delaware, red.....	20 cts	Lady Washington, white..	25 cts
Goethe, white.....	15 cts	Duchess, white.....	25 cts
Ives, early black.....	10 cts	Niagara, white.....	
Lindley, red.....	15 cts	Empire State, white.....	35 cts
Martha, red.....	15 cts		

### FOREIGN GRAPES.

These are the "hot house" grape of the Northern States. Those who have given them a fair trial, claim that they do much better in this State than most native varieties. These varieties are the choicest grown in California.

Black Hamburg,	Black Prince,	Black Malvossie,
Flame Tokay,	White Verdel,	White Sweetwater,
Golden Chasselas,	White Muscat of Alexandria,	Mission.

PRICES, each, 35 cts ; per doz. \$3.00 ; per hundred, \$20.00. Second class, 25 cts each ; per doz. \$2.00 ; per hundred, \$15.00.

### ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Pampas grass, Eulalia Japonica Zebrina, per root 15 cents.

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## PRICE @ LIST.

### ORANGES, LEMONS and LIMES.

STOCK.		BUD.	PRICE.			
Diam't'r. Inches.	Age Years.	Age Years.	Each.	Per Ten	Per Hun.	Per Thousand.
			\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
1/2 to 3/4	2 to 3	1	.30	2.50	20.00	180.00
3/4 to 1	3	1 to 2	.35	3.50	25.00	225.00
1 to 1 1/4	3	2	.50	4.50	35.00	300.00
1 1/2 to 2	4 to 5	2 to 3	1.00 to 1.25			

Prices quoted on larger quantities on application.

### PEACHES.

Bidwell's Early and Late. June Buds.

Height, 2 to three feet, 25 cents each; per ten, \$2.25; per hundred, \$20.00.

Pento and Honey. June Bud.

Height, 3 to 4 feet, 20 cents each; per 10, \$1.50; per hundred, \$12.00. Two to three feet in height, 15 cents each; per dozen, \$1.25; per hundred, \$10.00.

APRICOTS.—Each 25 cent's, per dozen, \$2.25.

PRUNUS SIMONI.—Three to four feet, 25 to 30 cents each.

PEARS.—LeConte, Keifer and Jefferson, each 25 cents; 10, \$2.25.

PLUMS.—Golden Beauty, 25 cents each, 10 for \$2.25.

Kelsey Japan, 25 to 30 cents each.

Texas Umbrella Trees, 25 cents each.

We have on hand a surplus of the following varieties, that are rather large to carry over another season, on which we will give an extra bargain to any one putting out a grove to sell, and want to make a good show, and get fine thrifty trees. They will do well to correspond with me. These trees are in first-class condition. They are fine, handsome trees,—all choice varieties. Star, Pierce's Champion Profitic, Beach's No. 5, Homosassa, Old Vin, Du Roi, Magnum Bonum.

*All out of late Catalogues  
Only Citrus trees in stock*